

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

Replace the claim set with the following rewritten listing:

1. (Currently Amended) Method for ~~the automated~~ data processing of availability-checking, reservation and assigning transactions related to allocation processes for localized fixed offers of goods ~~products~~ and/or services, ~~under utilization of a supraregional communications link and on the basis of a user's requirement, the method comprising including:~~

using a supraregional communication link comprising:

- a) ~~selecting the user~~ selecting a provider's product or service ~~offer by the user;~~
- b) ~~the provider assigning to a requested item an authorization code to the offer~~ which is transmitted to the user and is stored in a memory ~~module of unit at the user;~~
- e) providing a reservation ~~the provider reserving the item, by storing the~~ code; and forwarding ~~providing of a reservation and code information to an code authorization-verification system by the provider, under utilization of a local area communications link;~~

using a local-area communication link comprising:

- d) ~~triggering a non-contact, proximity~~ providing a contactless code verification when the user enters a proximity area ~~within a range of~~ the code verification system; and
- e) ~~granting and releasing~~ access to the user upon a positive result of a code verification.

2. (Previously Presented) Method as in claim 1, wherein the supraregional communications link is a mobile radio telephone network system.

3. (Previously Presented) Method as in claim 1, wherein the local-area communications link is a mobile radio telephone network system.

4. (Previously Presented) Method as in claim 1, wherein the local-area communications link is a local-area radio network.

5. (Currently Amended) Method as in claim 1, further comprising providing limited validity related to wherein the authorization code for a particular use is issued for a limited area or time of said code for transaction with the user.

6. (Previously Presented) Method as in claim 1, wherein the local-area communications link is enabled by the user.

7. (Currently Amended) Method as in claim 1, further comprising providing said wherein the non-contactless code verification is accomplished by in an optical way means.

8. (Currently Amended) Method as in claim 1, further comprising releasing wherein a user's code delivery provided by the user for transmission and/or verification purposes is released by a selective upon a certain activation.

9. (Currently Amended) Method as in claim 1, wherein said processing data transfer, availability-checking, reservation and allocation or assignment processes assigning are performed with an aid of a central mainframe processing system provided by a host computer.

10. (Currently Amended) Method as in claim 9, further comprising providing interfaces for remote wherein the central mainframe processing system is equipped with data transmission telecommunications interfaces as well as systems for inquiry analysis, availability checking, generation and transmission of product or service offers, as well as a unit means for issuing and transmitting an authorization code, for the communicating in with the code verification-validation and/or access-releasing authorization release systems

~~and, where appropriate, with product or service~~as well as occasionally delivery points~~units~~
at said host computer.

11. (Previously Presented) Method as in claim 1, wherein the method is used for a ticketing system for public transportation.

12. (Currently Amended) Method as in claim 1, further comprising providing an automatic accounting transaction ~~wherein, under utilization~~after use of a ~~said~~ code and of an information related to ~~its the delivered use, an accounting statement is automatically generated.~~